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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 19, 2004, a request for continued Examination has been filed. Please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks:

**Claims** – the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** – the remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.